OBN NEWS

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The Ontario Bisexual Network (OBN) is a group formed to enable contacts among bisexual people in Ontario, and to help them undertake activities of interest. At present, these activities include: a mailing list, a newsletter, support group meetings, social activities, a political action group, education of others, information sharing, and safe sexuality information. The network's only mandate is to bring people together. — OBN Meeting, August 2, 1990.

Meeting Times

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, from 6 to 8 p.m., and on the third Thursday of every month from 8 to 10 p.m., at the 519 Community Center. (519 Church Street, just north of Wellesley.) You may have your name and address added to our mailing list at any meeting, or by writing to OBN, c/o 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2C9.

Who to Contact

The following is a list of OBN members who have volunteered their time to talk with you about questions you may have or if you just need someone for emotional support:

Bill Jeffery (416) 922-4262
Bruce Small (416) 649-1356
Carol Broderick (416) 766-7011
Catherine Crocket (416) 537-5832
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WALK for AIDS!

"From All Walks of Life" is a fund-raising walk-a-thon organized by the AIDS Committee of Toronto. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 21,1990 at Queen's Park and will follow a 10 km. route through downtown Toronto.

According to organizer Maureen Coyle, this event provides "an opportunity for all individuals and organizations, people from all walks of life, to join together in the fight against AIDS."

ACT hopes to raise $200,000, which will be distributed among several AIDS-related organizations. Further information and pledge sheets may be obtained by calling the WALKLINE: 926-0775.

September 20th Meeting

Andrew Harris led the topic for the September 20th meeting, and as you can see below, proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that ***bisexuals are really very funny people!***

He helped us understand that our very *worst* worries and anxieties can provide an absolute *wealth* of humour. He showed, both in theory and in practice, that humour is a matter of upsetting our expectations — of taking us by surprise.

In a mildly convoluted but nevertheless brilliant piece of logic, he proved:

1. that since our past experiences represent only the *tiniest* fraction of what is possible in life;
2. therefore we *will* in fact be surprised; and
3. that life is therefore *unavoidably funny*.

Because bisexuality provides such rich varieties of relationships and indeed many almost ridiculous situations— same-gender pairs, different-gender pairs, triangles, quadropoles, octopoles, etc., Andrew was forced to conclude that bisexuality in itself *provides an endless source of amusement.*

The evening was, as promised, hilarious, and many people threw in their worst, most complicated and therefore *funniest* life situations to everyone's delight.

The bottom line seems to be to celebrate your feelings, even the most terrible and awful things that happen to you, make them into a work of art, and enjoy them to the full in the company of others.

Great job, Andrew, and our many thanks for a good laugh.

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